177. M/S SATELLITE COMMUNICATION
178. M/S CHINKA CABLE
179. M/S CHANNEL FIVE
180. M/S POOJA CABLE
181. M/S CHANNEL FIFTY
182. M/S SHINE CABLE TV
183. M/S ADVANCE CABLE TV
184. M/S RAJINDER CABLE
185. M/S CABLE PROVIDER
186. M/S HOME CABLE NETWORK
187. M/S JAI MATA CABLE
188. M/S SYSTEM INDIA
189. M/S VISION SYSTEM
190. M/S SANJAY CABLE NETWORK
191. M/S SATELLITE COMMUNICATION
192. M/S SWAGAT COMMUNICATION

Outstanding dues of DD against private organisations

†4869. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private organisations owe to Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of the amount outstanding as on March, 1999, March, 2000 and 2001 and March, 2002;

(c) the amount recovered by Government, out of the total outstanding amount, during each of the above years; and

(d) the steps taken to recover the remaining dues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

that the year-wise break-up of outstanding dues (Principal amount) of Doordarshan from various producers and agencies is as under:

Pertaining to year	Amount (in crores of rupees)
Till 1998-1999	41.64
1999-2000	10.15
2000-2001	61.35
2001-2002	56.14
TOTAL:	169.28

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Prasar Bharati has informed that for recovery of its dues, Doordarshan has initiated steps against the concerned producers/defaulting agencies which includes legal action, encashment of bank guarantees, stoppages of programmes and suspension/withdrawal of accreditation status. Other steps taken for recovery of outstanding amounts include:—

(i) Monthly monitoring is done and regular reminders are sent to clear outstanding dues.

(ii) No fresh programmes/extension of programmes is given to any defaulting agency/producer unless they agree to give advance payment and commit to abide by an agreed payment plan.

(iii) If the defaulting agencies do not adhere to the payment plan, then the programmes are taken off the air and their accreditation status is cancelled/withdrawn.

(iv) On cancellation/withdrawal of accreditation status, bank guarantees of agencies are en-cashed.

(v) To secure Doordarshan's revenue and to cover the credit period, the bank guarantee amount has been enhanced; and

(vi) Legal proceedings have also been launched to recover the outstanding in some cases.